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Missing six remains a mystery

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

Hopes ran high last Friday afternoon among area law enforcement agencies involved in the search for the "missing six." They thought finally, the mystery - tragically - had been solved, but that was not to be the case.



Determining Factor - Front Quarter Panel

Authorities have been searching for six area residents who have been missing since May. They are: Lamar Junior Stackhouse, Angela Roberts Young and Eula Jossett Lee of Enterprise; James Anthony Reynolds of Webb; Valerie Jones McCoy of Daleville; and Tamara Monique Ward of Ozark. The two men and four women were last seen on Saturday, May 8, at approximately 3 a.m. when they were leaving an Opp nightclub. They have not been seen or heard from since that day.

A planned search of a Covington County creek some called Lightwood Knot Creek located on Co. Rd. 70 (approximately 4 to 5 miles west of Danley's Crossroads) was brought about by the discovery of a submerged vehicle. A dive team from the Houston County Search and Rescue Unit initially found the car while probing with metal poles and a diver verified that it was indeed a vehicle. Due to the poor visibility, he was unable to determine the make, model or color of the car.

After a long recovery operation that lasted from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., enough of the vehicle was brought to the surface to determine that it was not the burgundy colored 1986 Chevrolet Caprice that the six had been last seen in leaving Opp.

A front bumper and a portion of a front quarter panel thought to be from a 60's model Chevrolet was all that was brought to the surface. The recovered parts indicated that the vehicle had been in the water for quite some time. Authorities, for the time being, do not know how or why the vehicle was in the creek.

One reason for the long recovery operation Friday was due to the fact that a high pressure natural gas line ran through the creek. It crossed the path where the vehicle was being pulled toward the surface.

The search area was chosen because it was one of the possible

routes that the six could have traveled on their way home.

After authorities were satisfied that the vehicle found was not the one involved in the disappearance, they informed some of the family members of the "missing six" that had come to the scene. They also told family members of plans to search other areas during the next few days.

Enterprise Police Chief T. D. Jones described the case as being "like a roller coaster ride." His department (and many others) has been involved in the investigation since the disappearance was reported.

He noted that investigators have had very little to go on. "We have had dead ends and have searched many different areas during the past months, but we will not give up and will continue the search."

Law enforcement agencies involved in Friday's operation were from Enterprise, Ozark, Opp, Elba, Covington County, and Coffee County. Also at the scene were investigators from the Alabama Bureau of Investigation and Alabama State Troopers.

Investigators are still seeking information concerning the disappearance of the six individuals and can be reached by calling the Enterprise Police Department at 347-1211 ext. 214.

A reward of \$10,500 is being offered for any information leading to the location of the "missing six."

Elba police arrest kidnapping suspect

According to Investigator Johnny P. Senn of the Elba Police Department, police officers responded to an emergency call during the early hours of Wednesday morning, August 25, 1999. It had been reported to the police dispatcher that an individual had been abducted and was being held at gunpoint.

Senn said that during the investigation, it was alleged that the perpetrator broke into the victim's residence and the occupant fled for

safety. While fleeing, the occupant (a female) fell and was overtaken by the perpetrator. She was forced to return to the residence where she was held against her will for several hours.

The victim managed to escape from the residence and called police. The suspect was taken into custody shortly after officers responded to the call for help.

During the course of the investigation, it was learned by Senn that

this was the second occurrence of this nature that the victim had endured from the same individual.

The first incidence occurred on Sunday, August 22, when the victim alleges she was taken against her will and at gunpoint from the Elba area where she was held at an undisclosed location for quite some time before returning to Elba.

At that time, the assailant was arrested and charged with kidnapping in the second degree and placed in the Coffee County Jail. The suspect, Edward Lewis Griffin, 22, of Elba posted a \$10,000 bond and was released from custody. It was after his release that he returned to the victim's home on Tuesday night, August 24.

The second incidence on Wednesday, Griffin was arrested and charged with burglary in the first degree, and once again placed in the county jail. Initially, another bond of \$10,000 in this case has been denied and Griffin remained in jail.

Both incidence remain under investigation, and other charges are pending against the accused.

Due to the circumstances of the case, and the safety of the victim, her name and whereabouts are not being released by authorities; however, they did say the victim escaped both incidence without injury.

Linda Young appointed Wallace Community College President

Dr. Fred Gainous, Chancellor of the Alabama College System, recently announced the appointment of a new president of Wallace Community College. Dr. Linda C. Young, an Elba native and president of Sparks State Technical College in Eufaula, Ala., assumes this position as part of the merger of Sparks with Wallace Community College. Wallace Community College presently has campuses in Dothan and Ozark and instructional sites at Ft. Rucker and Mobile.

The Alabama State Board of Education approved the appointment at its August meeting. Gov. Don Siegelman serves as president of the Board.

Dr. Young is the daughter of Mrs. Mervin Coon and the late S.W. Coon of Opp, formerly of Elba. She is married to Jack W. Young.

Young earned a doctorate in vocational and adult education with a concentration in educational administration in 1982 after earning undergraduate and graduate degrees from Enterprise State Junior College and Troy State University.

Since July 1988, Young has served as president of Sparks State Technical College in Eufaula. In this position, she became the first female to head a technical college in Alabama.

Throughout her career, Young has been actively involved in the two-year college system in areas including instruction, program development and implementation, and long-range planning. A member of the Enterprise State Junior College staff from 1973 to 1985,



Dr. Linda Young

she was named Dean of Development in 1982. In 1985, she joined the Department of Postsecondary Education as Executive Assistant to the Chancellor. In Feb. 1988, she was appointed Dean of Academic Affairs at Lurleen B. Wallace State Junior College in Andalusia.

Recognized for her leadership and professional dedication to the State's system of community, junior, and technical colleges, the Alabama State Board of Education awarded her a Commendation of Service in 1988. In 1989, Young was inducted into the Alabama College System's Silver Anniversary Alumni Hall of Honor, following her selection as Enterprise State Junior College's most outstanding alumnus in the College's 25-year history. In 1992, she was selected by Auburn University as one of the

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Area Happenings

AREA FOOTBALL GAMES. Area high school football games scheduled for Friday night are as follows: Elba High School plays host to Loxley; Zion Chapel travels to Isabella; New Brockton is on the road against G. W. Long; Kinston takes on Wicksburg in Wicksburg. All games kick-off at 7:30 p.m.

ELBA BLACK & GOLD CLUB. Members of the Elba Black & Gold Club can pick up their cap and shirt at the Elba Recreation Center on Claxton Avenue between the hours of 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday (TODAY) evening, Sept. 2, 1999.

COUNCIL MEETING. The New Brockton Town Council will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 7, at 7 p.m. in lieu of Monday, September 6.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT DAY. The Elba Chamber of Commerce is hosting Community Spirit Day on the square in downtown Elba on September 18 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. For more information call Kaye Whitworth at 897-3125.



FLOOD PREVENTION WORK

The Alabama National Guard has just completed another local project, designed to assist in the flood proofing of Elba. The \$20,000 project was funded by the Alabama Emergency Management Agency and the actual work was done by guardsmen from the 186th Engineers, based in Dothan. The City of Elba furnished the equipment fuel, fed the troops and funded other on-site expenses.

This project is just off Martin L. King Drive, outside the levee and is designed to remove obstructions to rainwater flowing through a large residential area to Beaver Dam Creek. Additional construction in the area, including the 203 Bypass, has reportedly increased the volume and speed of water draining in this direction.

Pictured here reviewing the progress of the work last Wednesday afternoon are from left: Billy



Joe Richburg, Emergency Management Agency (EMA); Alabama Senator Jimmy Holley; Lee Helms, EMA; Col. John Lyda and Col. Jerry Crutchfield, Alabama National Guard with Elba Mayor James Grimes.

Grimes said the city is continuing to work with EMA, FEMA, Corp of Engineers and other state and federal agencies to secure funding for projects which will better protect local citizens from problems with excessive rainfall.

Troopers estimate 14 could die during holiday

Alabama State Troopers will be out in force during the upcoming Labor day holiday period to help insure safe travel on the state's roadways. They urge all motorists to drive with caution during the final holiday for the summer, obeying speed limits and using seat belts and securing children in child safety seats.

The Department of Public Safety estimates 14 people may be killed in traffic wrecks in Alabama during the 78-hour period that begins at 6 p.m. Friday, September 3, and ends at midnight Monday, September 6.

During the holiday travel period, federal overtime grants aimed at speed limit, DUI enforcement and DUI checkpoints will allow all available troopers to be on duty.

In 1998, eight people died as a result of traffic wrecks during the 78-hour holiday period, six on rural roads and two in urban areas. At least one of the deaths was alcohol related, and only one of the wreck victims was using safety belts.

Troopers will concentrate patrols on heavily traveled vacation and beach routes, including interstates, U. S. 231 and 331 south of Montgomery, as well as Alabama 59 in Baldwin County.

In addition to routine patrol activity, troopers will conduct driver license checkpoints and aerial enforcement. Troopers will be watchful for compliance with the state's child restraint and safety belt law in an effort to increase safety belt use and save lives. They also will be promoting awareness of the state's new safety belt law.

Alabama toughened its safety belt requirements this year to allow officers to ticket motorists for failure to buckle without first citing them for another traffic offense. The new law is effective December 9.

Alabama law requires a child safety seat for children through age three in front and back seats. Children ages four and five must be secured in a child safety seat or a regular safety belt. The state's safety belt law requires all front-seat occupants to buckle up.

Public Safety is also promoting a safety awareness campaign called

EPD investigation ends in drug arrest

A three month long investigation ends in a drug arrest by Elba police.

Investigator Johnny P. Senn stated that an incident which occurred during an investigation in June has resulted in the arrest of Lynn Myers Stanford, 29, of 546 County Road 533, New Brockton. He said during the investigation, he approached a blue Chevrolet Cavalier driven by a white female.

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NOTICE

The City of Elba offices will be closed Monday, September 6, 1999, in observance of Labor Day. In the event of an emergency concerning electricity, water, street or sewer, call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. The garbage collection schedule will be unchanged.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The need for a volunteer rescue squad has been foremost on the minds of many phone callers to our office in recent months. Each caller was assured that city officials were keenly aware of the needs for emergency ambulance service and the need for search and rescue capabilities. This week the mayor issued a call for volunteers interested in being part of a revived search and rescue unit. If you can make any time to work with this group, or think you just might be willing to give of your valuable time, give city hall a phone call. It is important, for you, me and all our friends and neighbors!

It seems awful slow to all us flood victims, but progress is being made in improving the floodproofing of Elba. The work last week by the Alabama National Guard is just one more brick in that floodproof wall Elba folks dream of building. The work done during the weekend by Elba city crews around Moore's Creek, south of Brookdale, is a baby step on a \$30,000 to \$40,000 project to help residents South of town and outside the levee avoid flood damage. Our congressional delegation in Washington is moving the levee project through the U. S. House and Senate. Recently they got full U. S. Congress approval for a complete rebuild of the Elba (and Geneva) levee by the Army Corp of Engineers. Our lawmakers tell us that in the coming months they fully expect to win funding approval for the millions of dollars to pay for all this levee work. Meanwhile, Corp of Engineer folks at Mobile are continuing their plan drawing with confidence that the money will be there when the contractors get ready to start moving dirt.

High School football cranked off last week in Coffee County, but the results was not exactly the best for the home teams. Looking at this with a "P.A." (how was that plug Chamber of Commerce) it gives our local ballplayers plenty of room to improve their standings in the world of football.

An advertisement in this issue of The Elba Clipper indicates that Attorney Robert Cannon is retiring. Having said this to his face, we write it for our readers . . . we are not at all convinced that Bob Cannon will really quit practicing law. While he may call it "just helping out a friend," don't be surprised in a few weeks to hear that he is at the Elba courthouse, researching a deed, writing up a new will for someone or representing, for free, some lost, mistreated soul, such as the local newspaper publisher.

YOUNG

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1400 outstanding female graduates during the hundred years since women were first admitted to the University.

Well-known for her work with re-entry and adult women, Young chaired a legislative committee of The Alabama Coalition of Women and Girls in Education in 1984. This committee achieved passage of a bill creating and funding multi-purpose displaced homemaker programs in Alabama's two-year colleges. In 1986, she was one of five women in the State to be recognized by the American Society for Public Administration for outstanding contributions to public administration and public service by assisting other women to advance professionally.

Young is a graduate of the 1998-

99 Leadership Alabama program and serves on the Bevil Center for Advanced Electronics Technology Board of Advisors, the Colonial Bank Board of Directors, The Alabama Industrial Development and Training Institute (AIDT) Advisory Council, the Alabama Training Exchange Board of Directors, Wiregrass Leadership, Inc., the Economic Development Association of Alabama Workforce Development Committee, the Eufaula/Barbour County Chamber of Commerce Foundation Board of Directors, and Wiregrass Forum. In 1996, she served as president of the Eufaula/Barbour County Chamber of Commerce. She is also actively involved in several civic and service organizations, including the Dothan Rotary Club.

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EDITORIAL



LIONS DONATION.—The Elba High School Band received a generous donation from the Elba Lions Club last week. The money, \$1,000, will be used to help pay for the band's new uniforms. Pictured above accepting the check on behalf of the Elba and the band is Tom Maddox (left), House and Senate. Recently they got full U. S. Congress approval for a complete rebuild of the Elba (and Geneva) levee by the Army Corp of Engineers. Our lawmakers tell us that in the coming months they fully expect to win funding approval for the millions of dollars to pay for all this levee work. Meanwhile, Corp of Engineer folks at Mobile are continuing their plan drawing with confidence that the money will be there when the contractors get ready to start moving dirt.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, August 23, 1999, investigated the following incidents: one property damage, five harassments, two criminal mischief, one kidnapping, one burglary, two forgeries, three thefts of property, two disorderly conducts, one assault, one dog bite, one auto in pool, and one minor consuming alcohol.

The following arrests were made: one for kidnapping, one for burglary, one for receiving stolen property, one for illegal possession of a controlled substance, one for harassment, one for disorderly conduct, one for criminal trespassing, and one for assault.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: five for driving while driver's license are suspended, three for speeding, two for running a stop sign, one for child restraint violation, one for reckless driving, and one for driving while driver's license are revoked.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, AUGUST 23 - River stage - 2.70 feet (6:22 a.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan (5:40 p.m.); Routine activity.

BULLETIN BOARD

• **SOCIAL SECURITY REP.** - Court house, 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call Ferrin 1-800-772-1213.

• **ROTARY CLUB** - Tuesday @ Noon. First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

• **ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN.** - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

• **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Monday, 6 p.m. City Hall.

• **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. City Hall.

• **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton.

• **LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center.

• **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. Supl. Office.

• **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Thurs. 7 p.m. Elba High School.

• **RESCUE SQUAD** 2nd & 4th Tues. - 7 p.m. Rescue Sq. Bldg.

• **MASONIC LODGE 170** - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m.

• **BAND BOOSTERS** - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School.

• **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE** - Mon-Fri 8:12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30. New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858.

• **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. Club House.

• **COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon. Colony Int. Enterprise.

• **AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 1st Tuesday at noon. City Hall Conference Room.

• **AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.

• **CIVIL AIR PATROL** - Every Monday 7 p.m. Elba Airport. Drivell hangar.

• **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - Mondays, 6:30 p.m. - EHS Cafeteria.

• **REGIONAL GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP** - 4th Tues. at 7 p.m. Community Care Hospice meeting room.

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ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of August 23, 1999 through August 29, 1999. They were: Ollie Hussey, Sara Sharpless, Laura Terry, Samantha Breeden, Alvie Hyatt, William Legar, Zoey Moore, Helen Farris, Lila Davidson, Donnie Stackhouse, Lennon Rogers, Annie Belcher, Shirley Hudson, Rachel Purvis, Mary Bryan, Sage Kelly, Timothy Gedding, Amanda Gedding, Robert Bennett, Ida Mae Coleman, Danae Ware, Arthur Ott, Eleanor Adkinson, Johnny Johnson, and Joel McKenzie.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Sallie Lott, Louise Jerigan, Vada Lamb, Lucille Stackhouse, Alvie Hyatt, Hussey, Helen Farris, Zoey Moore, William Legar, Eloise Brasley, Minnie Galtmore, Sara Sharpless, Rachel Purvis, Sage Kelly, Mary Bryan, Shirley Hudson, Annie Belcher, Lennon Rogers, Danae Ware, Ida Mae Coleman, Donnie Stackhouse, Amanda Gedding, and Timothy Gedding.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Its hurricane season and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) is asking people to please remember their four-legged friends. During past natural disasters, PETA's emergency rescue team has witnessed sights ranging from a family who refused to evacuate if their animals were not allowed to come along, to a man who loaded his television set into the lifeboat while the dog looked on from his doghouse. Some farmers simply abandoned the pigs and other animals they raise for slaughter. Rabbits were left in hutches to drown. Our workers pulled cats out of trees where they had clung for days in violent thunderstorms. One family left three dogs chained in their backyard. They were found drowned when the flood waters receded. Imagine the terror of swimming frantically at the end of a chain as the water rises higher and higher. It takes a few minutes now to plan how to save your animals in the event of a flood or other natural disaster. Take them with you if at all possible. Otherwise, arrange to get them to a friend or relative who lives somewhere safe. Never, never leave an animal confined or tied. Learn which animals accept animals. Disasters hurt motels, too. Please lend them a helping hand.

Sincerely,
Carla Bennett
Senior Writer
757-622-PETA, ext. 478

Dear Editor:

The Elba Elementary School PTO will be sponsoring the Annual Fall Festival on Oct. 7, 1999. This year's festival promises many tried and true fun events for our city families as well as some exciting new features. The purpose of this letter is to enlist your support of a new festival attraction co-sponsored by the PTO and Special Services.

This year we will add a Silent Auction to our list of events. What's different is that all profit from this auction will be used for therapy equipment in the multi-handicapped room. On average a single piece of therapy equipment costs at least \$500. Our goal is to purchase something that all children receiving physical/occupational therapy through the school system can benefit from.

Presently the multi-handicap room serves 6 children at Elba Elementary. The range of disability is varied and our equipment is limited. Through your help and this auction, we will be able to help these children reach their greatest potential. A Silent Auction committee has been formed. Soon you'll be contacted by a member to donate goods or services for this auction. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, those funds will be pooled together to purchase goods or savings bonds to be auctioned. During the Festival, all goods will be displayed with your business name as donating party.

We want to cordially invite you and

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SCHOOLS

Head Of The Class



Mrs. Sybil Christine Head

There is a new teacher at Elba Elementary this year. Her name is Mrs. Sybil Christine Head. She is from Opp, Ala. She attended Opp High School and graduated from there in 1969. Mrs. Head attended college at Auburn University, University of Alabama, and Auburn University in Montgomery. She is married and has five children. This year is her first year as a teacher at Elba Elementary although she has almost five years prior experience. Her position was reassigned to third grade teacher rather than physical education teacher, which was her job last year. Some of her pet peeves are bad table manners, lack of respect for other people's property, and being dishonest. She believes stress by exercising. Mrs. Head would like to create an environment that motivates children to learn, builds character, and ensures success. She believes that Elba is a very supportive community.

New PE Teacher



Mrs. Sereathio Flowers

The new PE teacher, Mrs. Sereathio Flowers, got her high school education in Arion, Ala. After high school, she attended college at Wallace State Junior College. Later, she took activities training with AFAA (Aerobics and Fitness Association of America). Currently, Mrs. Flowers is a physical education aide for girls ranging from kindergarten to the sixth grade. She is very proud to be a part of the Elba City School system. Mrs. Flowers is enjoying all of her students. She says, "They are full of energy and are high achievers."

For as changes are concerned in the school, she believes the staff will receive recognition for all the wonderful academics that the children have an opportunity to take.

"It is a great school to attend," she said. Although it is her first year, she loves it.



New Faces And New Places



This unique group is finding their way and fitting in as they enter EHS for the first time. Students are: Lauren Sutley, Leanna Sutley, Alan Head, Carlos Ariz, Brittany Smith, Monroe Williams, Matthew Hooks, Christina Stokes, Kristi Michelle Davis and Justin Foushe.

Elba Elementary School Menu September 6 - 10, 1999

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Labor Day Holiday Tuesday - Pancakes, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk Thursday - Cheese Sandwich, 1/2 Orange, Cereal, Juice, Milk Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Labor Day Holiday Tuesday - Chicken Filet Sandwich, Corn, Green Beans, Chocolate Cake, Milk Wednesday - Corn Dog, Macaroni & Cheese, Turnips, 1/2 Apple, Milk Thursday - Chili w/Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Cheese Sandwich, 1/2 Orange, Juice, Milk Friday - Pizza, Green Salad, Buttered Carrots, Peaches, Milk

For Drum Majors Fun In The Sun



July 7-11 was an extremely busy week for Elba High School's Drum Majors. Sophomore Junior Drum Major, Ashley Harrison, and Senior Drum Major, Kimberly Ward, traveled to Tuscaloosa, Ala., to attend George N. Parks Drum Major Academy. "This is my third year and we practiced from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. in the hot sun with only a few water breaks, but every year gets better," said Ward.

They spent five days learning leadership, conducting, and marching skills. After all the hard work, they ended with a dance where they spent their last moments with new lifelong friends.

Pep Rally Here Today Gone Tomorrow

by Cammie Kelley

For many years, Elba High School's gymnasium has been filled with excitement and noise on Friday afternoon. Pep rallies have always been a tradition. However, this tradition may not continue. Mr. Weeks said if students do not participate and show pride, then all students will remain in classes. I have talked with Mr. Weeks and students at EHS. This was their reply.

Mr. Weeks believes pep rallies are a time for school spirit; however, if students do not participate, they are only losing academic time. Pep rallies are an important tradition to him, and he wants to get everyone involved.

The students I have talked with are very involved in extracurricular activities. Every student interviewed believes that pep rallies are beneficial to the student body and the football team. Nada Davis, varsity cheerleader, believes that pep rallies get students involved and help attendance at the games. Menda Coleman, varsity cheerleader, feels that pep rallies get the whole school pumped up before game time. They do not feel that

pep rallies should be cut out because it would cause a lack of spirit and unity would not be established in grade levels. Gunter Akridge, a band member, loves the excitement felt at pep rallies and hopes that everyone will get involved. Derrick Thomas and Brandon Wilson, eighth graders, believe we should keep pep rallies. They are going to encourage their grade to show more spirit at pep rallies. Jep Dubose, senior football player, strongly believes in pep rallies. He thinks they are good for the football team, cheerleaders, band, and student body.

The resolution in saving pep rallies will be decided after the first game. Pride and unity should be established in all grade levels. Pep rallies are a memorable tradition to all students at Elba High. It is now the students' opportunity to support their team in every way possible. Show pride or keep it inside?

1999-2000 Elbala Staff



During the month of July, ten members of the 1999-2000 Elbala staff attended the Alabama Scholastic Press Association (ASAP) long weekend in Tuscaloosa. During the three days they were in Tuscaloosa, the students were divided into five different sections. These sections were Photography, Broadcasting, Desktop Publishing, Yearbook, and Newspaper. The staff members assigned to each of these sections attended classes on these subjects and learned many new ideas and projects connected to each. On Sunday, July 25, an awards luncheon was held to honor the outstanding students in each of the separate sections. The following students from Elba High School were honored with these awards: Monique Ordon and Stephanie Williams each won an award for broadcasting. Katie Vaughn, Cammie Kelley, and Tiffany Harris received the award for best overall yearbook theme and development of the theme. Emily Qualls was awarded best landscape photograph while Sara Miller won the best nature photograph. And, last but not least, Emilee Benbow won the best magazine advertisement award.

Juniors "Ring" in New School Year

by Amy Kirkland

On Friday, Aug. 13, the Juniors at Elba High School received their much awaited class rings.

While each ring is unique in its own way, the LHS Class of 2001's rings are altogether special. Instead of using the traditional ring on the ring, they opted on a newly designed tiger only to be used for their class.

The Juniors would like to thank Mr. Parker from Balfour for providing them with these souvenirs of their high school years.

New Teacher-Coach At EHS



Jamey Corbitt

There is a new face at Elba High this year. Mr. Jamey Corbitt is the new Social Studies teacher, as well as the new JV Football Coach. He is from Graceville, Fla., where he attended Graceville High School. Mr. Corbitt attended Wallace Community College, as well as, Troy State University where he majored in Social Science. This will be his fifth year teaching and coaching. His goal for teaching this year is to help his students get the best education possible. His goal for the JV football team is that the players learn the fundamentals of football in order to help prepare them for the varsity team. Some of his pet peeves are missing a two-foot putt, uncooperation with others, and locking his keys in the car (which he does twice a week). He relieves stress by playing softball, golf, and reading John Grisham books. We are very happy to have Mr. Corbitt with us at Elba High.

Rookie & Auxiliary Band Camp

During the week of July 24-27, the Elba High School Marching Tiger Band held their rookie and auxiliary camps. The purpose of the camps were to get ready for the upcoming halftime show at the football games. New members learned the basic fundamentals of marching while Majorettes, Colorguard, and Danceline learned their routines. July 28 through Aug. 6 was Full Band Camp where all the members were there for eight hours a day to learn the '99-00 halftime show. The show times consist of a Robin Hood Medley, Chattanooga Choo Choo, Sweet Home Alabama, and a Hook Medley. The band is really excited and ready for the upcoming year and looks forward to everyone's support on Friday nights.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

United Daughters of the Confederacy to start new year

The Gen. Edmund W. Rucker #2534 of The United Daughters of the Confederacy will begin their year with the first meeting on Sept. 9 at 3:30. They will meet at the Pea River Historical Society on Main Street in Enterprise.

Anyone who wishes to obtain information about the UDC may attend the meeting or contact Shirley Edberg (894-6120) or Lavina Helms (347-6150).

Area students on Chancellor's List at TSU

The names of Troy State University students whose summer quarter grades earned them placement on the Chancellor's or Provost's Lists have been announced by Dr. Owen C. Elder, provost for TSU System. Area students making the Chancellor's List are: John Brown and Indya Lawless. Making the Provost's List were: Ramey Bryan, Destiny Hudson, Kayla Phillips and Jenny Ross.

Bryan on Chancellor's List at TSU for summer quarter

Susan Bryan, a local student attending Troy State University, was among the students whose summer quarter grades earned them a placement on the Chancellor's List. To be recognized by this list, Bryan was listed as a full-time undergraduate earning a straight A average for the term.

C.C. Trail Riders to have Trail Ride Sept. 4, 5 & 6

The Coffee County Trail Riders will be having a trail ride on Sept. 4, 5 & 6 at the Geneva State Forest Lake. Riding begins at 8:30 a.m. Please bring your supplies. For more information, call 897-6510.

For more information, call 334-792-4979.



Heidi Bowers

Heidi Bowers graduates from LBW

Heidi Bowers, a summer graduate of LBW State Junior College in Andalusia, recently accepted a chancellor's scholarship to attend Auburn University at Montgomery beginning Fall term 1999. While at LBW, Bowers received her Associate of Science degree. She will be working as a legal assistant while obtaining her Bachelor of Science degree in Justice and Public Safety at AUM.

Bowers is the daughter of Terry and Vicki Farris and the granddaughter of Grady and Miriam Farris, all of Elba. She is a 1997 graduate of Elba High School.

9th annual Model Railroad Show set for Sept. 25 in Dothan

The ninth annual Wiregrass Model Railroad Show and Sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Dothan Civic Center, 126 N. Saint Andrews Street.

The show will feature more than 140 tables of model railroad equipment and supplies and several large operating model railroad layouts. Railroad-related door prizes will be given away throughout the event.

For more information, call 334-792-4979.

Chamber requests sponsors for tree decorating around square during holidays

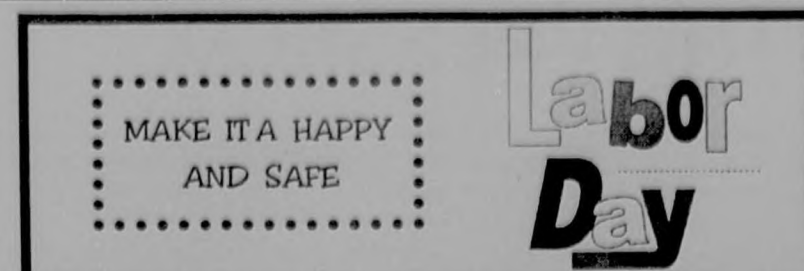
The excitement over the 12th Annual Christmas Festival and Parade continues to grow as the date draws near. This year's theme is "Catch the Holiday Spirit" as we hope the excitement jumps from one person to another.

As part of the decorations to transform Elba into a town caught by the spirit of the holiday season, we will be decorating the trees around the courthouse square once again. The tree limbs will be wrapped in lights, and each tree will be caught by the glow of a different color.

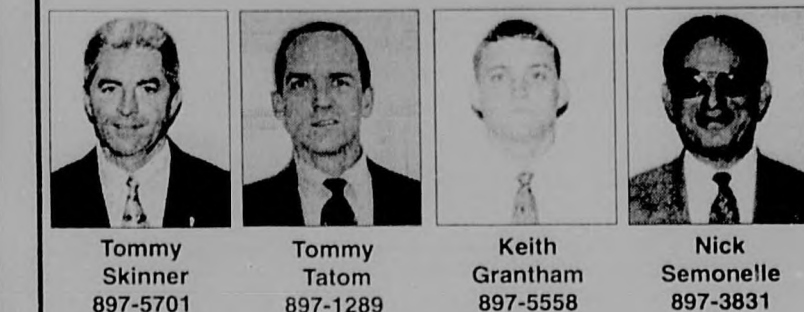
If you or your organization would like to participate in the tree lighting by providing lights or with a cash donation, we welcome your help. Plaques will be placed at each tree in recognition of its sponsor.

For more information, please call Kaye Whitworth at the Elba Chamber of Commerce office at 897-3125.

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TSU awards degrees recently

Troy State University Chancellor Jack Hawkins Jr. conferred 500 bachelor's, master's and education specialist degrees during TSU's annual spring commencement exercise held Friday, June 4. Area graduates receiving their degrees included: Joseph M. Arnold, Jack Stacy Faison, Columbus, Ga.; Lisa A. Hodges, Angie Marler, Mark W. Mosely, Michael E. Corbitt, Bryce P. Phillips, Jamie E. Price, Danielle L. Tew and Michael W. Waddell, all of Elba.

NEWS AMONG OUR SERVICE FOLKS

JOSHUA D. OWENS

Marine Pvt. Joshua D. Owens, a 1998 graduate of Brantley High School, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. He joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the Marine Corps this year from all over the country.

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SPORTS

Views from...

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

As a sportswriter I believe that Thursday night football games are exciting and give the true football fanatics a chance to get an extra fix. However, as a parent, a game on a week night can cause real problems since it was almost 11 PM before we got home last week from the Elba Brantley game, and then had to get the girls up early the next morning for their baths and then get to school on time. They did get to bed early Friday night and slept in Saturday, but maybe in the future the school officials can schedule Thursday games only when the next day is a holiday. I can't even imagine what it was like for parents of football players!

TURNOVERS PROVE FATAL IN LOPSIDED OPENING LOSS

The Elba Tigers opened the high school football season last week with a lopsided 40-13 loss to the highly-touted Brantley Bulldogs, and while it was true that the Bulldogs were very talented and did indeed take advantage of every mistake the Tigers made, Elba may have suffered more from its self-inflicted wounds than it did from those handed out by the Bulldogs.

Brantley scored six touchdowns in rolling to the big win, but one of the six scores came on a 57-yard pass interception return, another came on an 87-yard pass interception return, another came after a fumble recovery at the Elba 18-yardline, another came on an 18-yard drive after an 11-yard punt, and yet another came on a fumble recovery in the endzone after an Elba defender missed making the recovery. While it is very true that Brantley earned all of its points, and made many outstanding plays on both sides of the ball, the mistakes made by the Tigers were far too much for a team like Elba to overcome, no matter the opponent!

The Elba offense proved to itself that it could run the football as it rolled up over 170 yards against a solid defensive unit. Tony Burks and Cassius Wilson both ran the ball well, while quarterback Bradley Bowers guided the offense well and never came out of the game despite limping from a collection of hard hits and heat induced muscle cramps. The offensive line also played hard and never backed down from the challenge, and the Tigers showed their pride and determination by scoring on the final play of the game in spite of being hopelessly behind.

The Elba defense had to weaken itself in some areas to have a chance at stopping the Bulldogs, and while Brantley did pass almost at will, the Elba defense from played tough for all four quarters and really handed out some licks. The commitment to stop the run created obvious problems stopping Brantley's passing attack; however, all in all the defense battled until the final horn and should have proven to itself that it can be a very good defensive squad.

I will be the first one to tell you that the only thing that really counts in sports is the scoreboard, and that a 40-13 whipping is nothing to feel good about. On the other hand, the effort shown by the Tigers throughout the game was encouraging, and it was easy to see, even from the sidelines, that this year's team will leave nothing on the field, and will stand toe-to-toe with any opponent and fight until the horn sounds. If the Tigers will show that same trait in weeks to come, you can bet better things will happen a lot sooner than many thought possible.

BRANTLEY IS ONLY AREA TEAM TO POST WEEK #1 WIN

The opening week of the high school football season is always filled with excitement and optimism, and while that was certainly true last week across the area, the Brantley Bulldogs were the only team able to post a win in week #1 action. Here's a quick look back at the week that was... **BRANTLEY** opened the season in front of a packed stadium against the Elba Tigers and coasted in with a 40-13 win over the 3A Tigers. While the Bulldog offense didn't roll up any huge numbers on the ground, the passing game was in mid-season form, and proved that the Bulldogs will be able to move the football in the air and on the ground. A lot of folks said after the game that Brantley has a long way to go before it can win another state championship, but when a 1A team can beat a 3A team 40-13 and not play well, it might say more than anyone thinks.

NEW BROCKTON was short-handed in its opener against creek fans hope for another winning season. The Gamecocks fell behind 26-0 and could have quit, but met the challenge head on and were still fighting until the final horn sounded. If New Brockton can get some folks healthy and stay healthy, there is no doubt they have the desire and the coaching needed to be big winners again this year.

ZION CHAPEL battled Thursday on even terms for a quarter and a half, but gave out of gas late in the first half and never recovered in the Rebels' season-opening loss. The Rebels showed they can score in putting four touchdowns on the board, and had some big plays on both sides of the ball for all four quarters. Coach Randy Grant gets everything out of his players that is humanly possible, and if the Rebels can get a break or two along the way they will get the wins they deserve.

KINSTON was expecting to win its opener against Arton, even though the Bulldogs lost 13-10, they fought until the final horn and gave the Bulldog faithful hopes of many wins to come. The Bulldogs had a late penalty wipe out what would have been the winning touchdown, but battled back in the second half and showed in winning out a 13-0 deficit what kind of team this bunch of Bulldogs really are. Keep an eye on the Bulldogs, they will win this season!

ONCE OVER, NOT ALWAYS SO LIGHTLY...

I referred the Kinston Zion Chapel youth football game Saturday night, and during the final game of the night a Kinston player injured his shoulder while making a tackle. The youngster was rolling on the ground in pain, and one of the first people to get to the injured player was Zion Chapel High School head football coach Randy Grant. Coach Grant was at the game to watch his son play in the termite game, and to lend his support to the overall youth program. Once Coach Grant got on the field he took complete charge of the situation, and it was amazing to watch and listen as he calmed the youngster, found out where the injury was, checked out the injured area, carefully removed the football equipment and made recommendations to the players' frightened mother as to what she should do. Coach Grant even had rescue personnel at the scene listening to his instructions, and after about twenty minutes everyone applauded as the youngster walked off the field before leaving for x-rays. Coach Grant's daughter played softball on a team I coached the past two summers, and I had already seen him take care of a number of injuries first hand in the dugout, but his actions Saturday night only made it even more clear what a caring person Randy Grant really is. I know that Coach Grant has received special training in the treatment of athletic injuries; however, his willingness to help, his genuine concern about people and his caring make him someone special in my mind. If you ever get the chance to meet him and become a friend, consider yourself to be the lucky one. He is someone indeed special!

We at the Elba Clipper had our new staff of sports reporters at all the area games last week, and while the pictures might not be award winning shots, and the articles might have skipped a few names or details, the new reporters did their best to provide the area teams with coverage of last week's games. It is not easy to make pictures on the sidelines and take notes at a football game, especially for volunteers that haven't been trained to do so. This group is dedicated to giving our readers the best in coverage as the season goes along, and if you see one at a game please let'em know you appreciate what they are doing.

I watched a little of the Penn State-Arizona football game Saturday afternoon, and either Penn State is mighty good or Arizona was very high-

over-rated. The Nittany Lions scored almost at will in the first half, and if not for their own mistakes, could have easily been ahead 49-0 at the half. I have never really been a Joe Paterno fan, or a fan of Penn State, but after Saturday I may very well become one.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR ROLLS INTO WEEK #2

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator was still complaining about last week's picks when he stopped by the office Sunday morning, and even though he went 30-4, I guess he was a little embarrassed about missing Opp's easy win over Wetumpka or Carroll's lopsided win over Charles Henderson. I told him that if he does as well this week as he did last week, I might actually let him have the first week of the season off next year and do the picking myself. He just laughed and left this week's picks. Here they are...

LUVERNE AT ELBA

This battle of Tigers was once one of the state's oldest and most hotly contested rivalries, and while it is still one of the oldest, Luverne has dominated in recent years as it has won four straight games by a combined score of 107-25. Both teams are a little down this season, but the guess here is that Luverne may still have just a few too many weapons for Elba and will up its winning streak over the "Black and Gold" Tigers to five straight.

LUVERNE 19 ELBA 13

ZION CHAPEL AT ISABELLA

The Rebels will be looking for their first win of the young season when they head somewhere north of Montgomery to try and slow down the Mustangs of Isabella. Both teams scored three touchdowns a week ago in losing efforts, which might mean that the scoreboard will light up once again this week in what may be a wild offensive show. Look for the Rebels to bring one home.

ZION CHAPEL 32 ISABELLA 27

KINSTON AT WICKSBURG

The Kinston Bulldogs let one get away last week in a narrow loss to Arton, but should be at least a little more confident this week when they head south on Highway 84 to tangle with the Panthers from Wicksburg. Kinston is much improved this season and will snap its long losing streak somewhere down the line, but not this week!

WICKSBURG 22 KINSTON 0

NEW BROCKTON AT GAV. LONG

The Gamecocks woke up late in last week's loss to Luverne and really put on a show in the closing minutes, but will need to be wide awake at the

Look to snap four game skid to Luverne

Tigers to host Luverne in home opener

The Elba Tigers will be defending their home turf Friday night when they host the Luverne Tigers in the renewal of one of South Alabama's oldest and most heated high school rivalries.

Elba will carry a 0-1 record into the clash after dropping its opener to Brantley 40-13, while Luverne will enter the game at 1-0 after defeating New Brockton 26-16 in last week's opening game of the season.

"Luverne may not be quite as good as it has been in recent years," said Elba's Coach Julius Head, "but it is still one of the best teams in this part of the state and will come to town Friday night confident that it can leave with a win. Luverne has a lot of skill people and is down by its own standards, not by other teams standards."

"On offense," reported Head, "they run out of wing-t set and have two good backs and a very good

opening kickoff this week against G.W. Long or it could find itself 0-2. New Brockton should match up well against the Rebels and if they play well could bring home a win. However, I'm afraid it will be another "Long" night!"

G.W. LONG 27 NEW BROCKTON 22

BRANTLEY AT GEORGIANA

The Brantley Bulldogs will get a stern early-season test this week when they head over to Georgiana to battle the vastly improved Panthers. The Panthers turned the corner midway through the season last year and have been getting better and better each and every week. This may be the best game of the week!

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calling. Everyone knows that when Elba and Luverne get together it is a real head-knocker, and we expect the same Friday night."

When asked about last week's loss to Brantley, Coach Head stated "I thought we played'em toe-to-toe early on, but then made some mistakes that gave them two scores, and after that we had to try and play catch-up against a very good football team. At times our offense showed promise, and we were able to run the football outside better than I expected. Tony Burks and Cassius Wilson ran real hard and also blocked well for each other, and at times the line came off the ball well. We did have some breakdowns in our blocking assignments that hurt us, and we have to be able to execute better than we did against Brantley if we are to move the football on a consistent basis. Our defense played real hard, especially up front, and our down line

men played tough the entire game. Our linebackers got caught out of position a few times, but they pursued the play well and all in all did okay. We have got to tackle better and lock up when we get to the ball."

"The game showed me some things we could and could not do," said Head, "and we will work hard this week to get better on the things we can do, and also on the things we didn't do well last week. We really know the game not really knowing what to expect, but we were pretty well right on our pregame thoughts, and won't have to make any drastic changes. We just need to get better every time we take the field as an offense or a defense, and before long we will be okay."

Kickoff for Friday night's game is 7:30 PM.

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SPORTS

Bulldogs return two interceptions for TD's

Tiger turnovers prove fatal in big 40-13 loss to Brantley Bulldogs

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Brantley Bulldogs scored two touchdowns in a 21-second span late in the opening quarter to break up a scoreless battle and never looked back Thursday night as they opened defense of the 1A state championship with a big 40-13 win over the Elba Tigers, in Brantley.

Neither team could move the chains on their first possession of the night, and while the Bulldogs also failed to get anything going on their second series, the Brantley defense got in on the act on Elba's second series as the Bulldogs' Zack Burnett intercepted a Tiger pass and raced 57 yards for a touchdown. Gregory Daniels boosted the extra-point, and with 3:31 left in the first quarter Brantley was on top 7-0.

Brantley got the ball right back on a fumble recovery by Lavon Brooks on Elba's first snap following the ensuing kickoff, and one play later the scoreboard went to 13-0 as Andy Johnson lofted an 18-yard touchdown pass to Zack Burnett. Gregory Daniels again tucked on the extra-point, and with 3:10 still left in the stanza Brantley had moved out to a 14-0 advantage.

The Tigers showed signs of life offensively on their next possession and moved to a first down at the Elba 41-yardline after a 9-yard completion from Bradley Bowers to Tony Burks. Elba moved near mid-field behind the running of Cassius Wilson and Tony Burks, but this time a third down pass fell incomplete, and Brantley regained possession at its own 18-yardline after a 36-yard punt by Brandon Salter.

A 15-yard penalty against the Tigers and a 23-yard pass completion from Andy Johnson to Shaun Person quickly moved the Bulldogs to the Elba 44-yardline, while a screen pass from Johnson to Gregory Daniels and a 16-yard scamper

by Darrell Owens gave Brantley a first down at the Elba 21. The Bulldogs got a break on their next play as a Brantley runner fumbled after a big hit near the goal line, and after an Elba defender missed a clear shot at the loose ball, the Bulldogs' Darrell Owens recovered the fumble in the endzone for a Brantley touchdown! A bad snap resulted in a missed two-point try, but with 9:45 remaining in the second quarter Brantley was in command with a 20-0 lead.

Brantley began its next possession at the Elba 22-yardline after a short Tiger punt, and this time it took the Bulldogs two plays to reach paydirt, with the score coming on a 5-yard dash by Darrell Owens. A two-point attempt failed, but it made little difference as Brantley's lead was up to 26-0 with 7:11 left in the first half.

Brantley threatened again late in the half and moved to a first down at the Elba 40-yardline, only to see a major distance penalty wipe out an 18-yard gain on a screen pass from Johnson to Daniels, and kill the threat and keep the score at 26-0 at intermission.

The Elba offense continued to struggle on its first possession of the second half, but seemed to gain confidence on its second series of the third quarter and marched 56 yards in 10 plays to cross midfield. A 7-yard pass from Bradley Bowers to Aaron Coleman, a 13-yard pass from Bowers to Jeb Dupose, and 20 yards in penalties against Brantley were key plays in the drive, which stalled at the Bulldog 41-yardline.

The Tigers regained possession at the Brantley 25-yardline when Elba sophomore Daryl Burks burst through to block a Brantley punt, and Elba quickly turned the big play into its first points of the season!

An 11-yard gain by Tony Burks moved the Tigers to a first down at the Brantley 13, and on the next

play Burks again got the call and raced in, standing up from 13 yards out for an Elba touchdown. Chris Turner added the extra-point, and with 10:56 left in the fourth quarter the Tigers had cut the Brantley lead to 26-7.

The sudden Elba score seemed to serve as a wake-up call for the Bulldog offense, as Brantley took the ensuing kick and marched 57 yards in only three plays to regain control. A 28-yard pass from Andy Johnson to Zack Burnett and a 25-yard scamper by Bo Daniels were key plays in the quick scoring march, while the touchdown came on a bruising 6-yard run by fullback Gregory Daniels. Bo Daniels added the two-point conversion on a run around the left end, and with 9:44 left in the game Brantley was on top 34-7.

The Elba offense moved to three first downs on its next possession behind the passing of Bradley Bowers and the running of Tony Burks, and reached a first down at the Brantley 36-yardline, only to see disaster strike again, as on third and six a Bowers pass was picked off by Brantley's Shaun Person, who returned the interception 87 yards down the sidelines for yet another Brantley touchdown. The extra-point try failed, as Brantley's lead stood at 40-7 with 3:34 remaining in the game.

The Tigers' Tony Burks returned the ensuing kickoff 30 yards to set Elba up at its own 45-yardline, and the Tigers played beat the clock as they drove 55 yards in 8 plays to score their final points of the night.

Tony Burks gained 24 yards on three carries and Cassius Wilson added an 18-yard scamper to help Elba close in on the Brantley goal line, while the score came on the final play of the game on an 11-yard pass from Bradley Bowers to Aaron Coleman. The extra-point was not attempted, as Brantley left



Elba head coach Julius Head (center) ponders situation with team while assistant coach Mike Waters (in cap) pleads with linemen to make blocks in last week's season opener against Brantley. Tigers Britt Grimes (70), Dustin Stinson (3) and Gavin Mauldin (75) listen during the time-out.

the field with a 40-13 season-opening win.

Tony Burks gained 81 yards on 17 carries and Cassius Wilson added 67 yards on 14 carries to lead the Elba ground game, while Bradley Bowers hit on 5 of 13 passes for 51 yards and one touchdown.

Darrell Owens gained 85 yards on 10 carries and Bo Daniels added 54 yards on 5 carries to spark the Bulldogs, while Andy Johnson hit on 7 of 9 passes for 117 yards, with

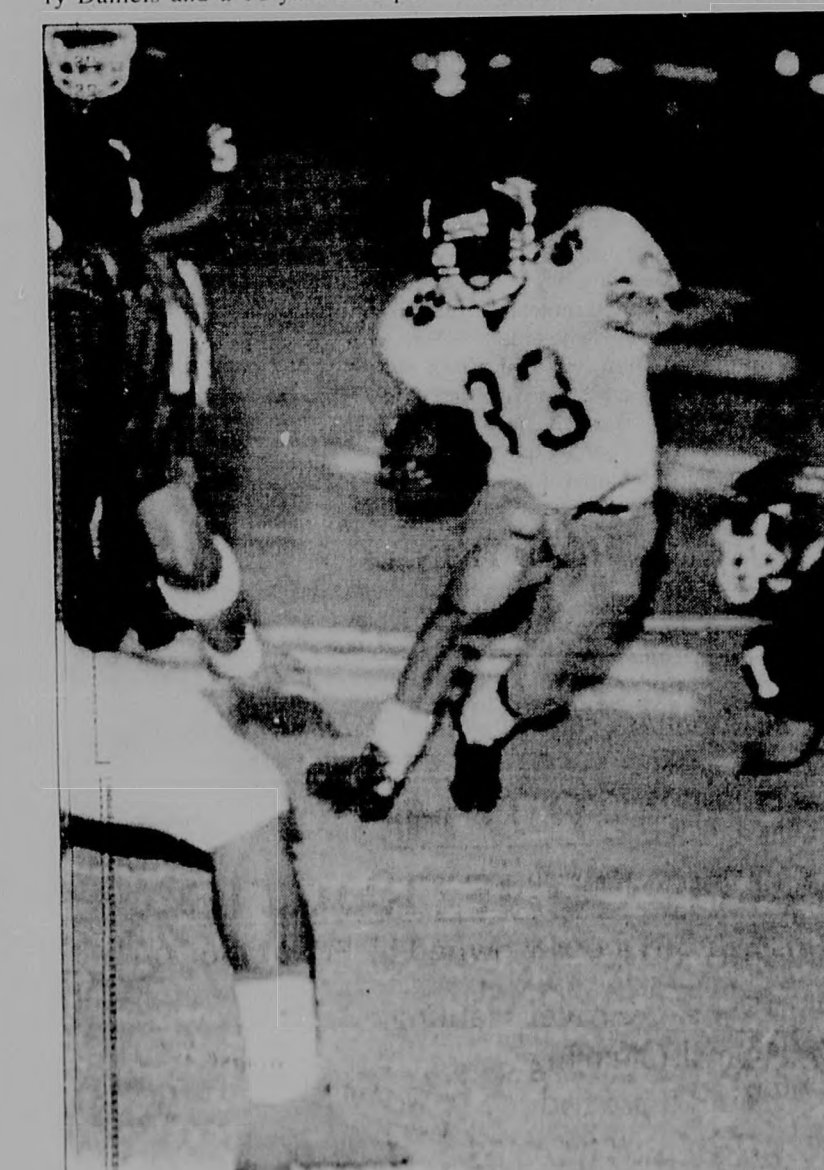
Zack Burnett pulling in 4 passes for 78 yards and one touchdown.

Brandon Salter made 5 solo stops to lead the Tiger defense, with Dustin Stinson making 4 tackles and Josh Lawford and Tony Burks making 3 stops apiece.

Lavon Brooks had 6 solo stops for Brantley and recovered a fumble, while Rodney Wiley and Tyrell Knighten both had 5 stops.

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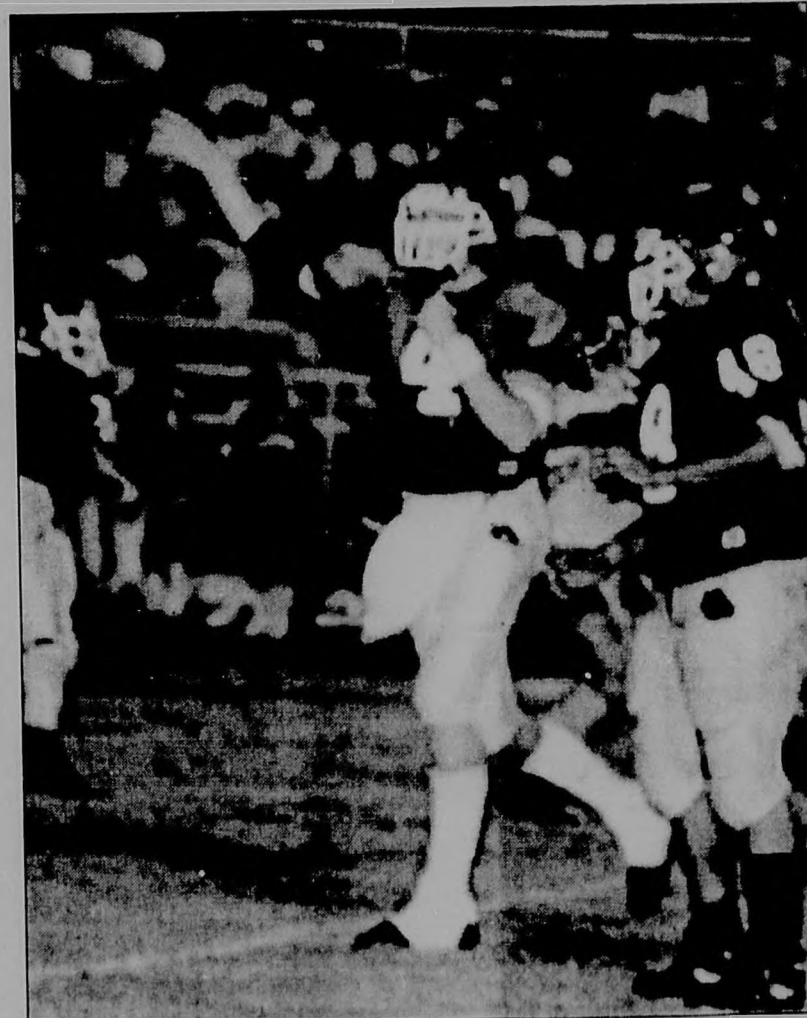
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Passing Yds.	51	117
Total Offense	224	263
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Fumbles/Lost	5/1	3/0
Punts-Ave.	6-29	4-34
Penalty Yds.	62	65



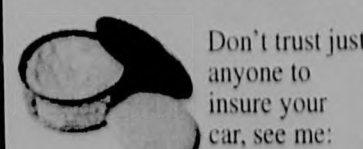
Elba tailback Tony Burks (33) heads for the endzone to put the Tigers on the scoreboard in last week's battle against Brantley. Burks scored in the third quarter to pull Elba within 26-7 and during the game gained 81 yards on 17 carries and caught one pass for a 9 yard gain.



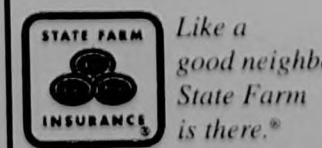
Elba Marching Tiger Band plays the "Elba Fight Song" after a Tiger touchdown in last week's season opener against the Brantley Bulldogs.



Brantley quarterback Andy Johnson (4) connected on 7 of 9 passes for 117 yards to lead the Bulldogs to last week's 40-13 win over Elba. The Bulldogs will travel to Georgiana this week for a battle with the powerful Panthers.

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SPORTS

Gamecocks fall to Luverne 26-16 in season opener

By Josh Lewis

The New Brockton Gamecocks spotted the Luverne Tigers a 26-point second half advantage Friday night and then saw a gallant fourth quarter rally fall short as the Gamecocks dropped their season opener to the talented Tigers 26-16, in New Brockton.

The Gamecock defense stopped Luverne cold on the initial series of the game; however, the Tigers put the ball in play near midfield to start their second series and this time marched 48 yards for the first

points of the season. The score came on an 18-yard run, and after the extra-point, Luverne was ahead 7-0 with 4:48 left in the opening stanza.

New Brockton's Pate Harrison recovered a Luverne fumble at the Gamecock 17-yardline to stop a Tiger scoring threat late in the first quarter, but the Gamecock offense couldn't get anything going against the aggressive Tiger defense, and after one quarter of play Luverne was still on top 7-0.

Luverne threatened again early in the second quarter, only to come

again loose the ball on a fumble, with the Gamecocks' Andre Flowers coming up with the loose pigskin inside the New Brockton 20-yardline.

The defenses ruled the action for the remainder of the half, and at intermission Luverne went in with a slim 7-0 lead over the gutsy Gamecocks.

New Brockton failed to move on its first possession of the second half, but the Tigers were ready to add to their lead, and marched 43 yards into the endzone to increase their lead to 13-0 with 8:20 remaining in the third quarter.

The Tigers got the ball right back at the New Brockton 42 after a Gamecock punt and once again headed toward the endzone! The scoring drive required only three plays, as Luverne's lead went to 19-0 with 5:47 still left in the third quarter.

New Brockton's offense simply could get nothing going against the Luverne defense, and this time the Tigers wasted no time adding to their lead as Luverne returned the Gamecock punt 52 yards for yet another touchdown. The extra-point try was successful, and with 3:58 still left in a wild third quarter Luverne was in complete command with a 26-0 advantage.

New Brockton was down, but not about to quit, and finally got its offense on track as the Gamecocks marched 70 yards to the Luverne 6-yardline before turning the ball over on downs.

The Gamecocks got the ball right back on a Luverne fumble on the Tigers' next play from scrimmage, and this time reached the endzone as Adrian Grimes hauled over from two yards out. The two-point try was successful, and with 10:20 remaining in the game Luverne's lead was down to 26-8.

New Brockton began its next series at its own 34-yardline following a Luverne punt, and once again reached paydirt as Kellen Cole lofted a 53-yard TD pass to Nathan Rainey. The two-point try was again successful, and with less than a minute left on the clock the Game-



New Brockton quarterback Kellen Cole manages to get off a pass despite heavy pressure in the Gamecocks' 26-16 setback to Luverne. Cole hit on 6 of 10 passes for 132 yards and one touchdown to spark the Gamecock offense. New Brockton will be on the road this week when they travel to Skipperville to battle the (1-0) G.W. Long Rebels. Kickoff is set for 7:30 PM.

cock had pulled within 26-16. Andre Flowers, who the Gamecocks left in the half, Zion Chapel had pulled within 7-0.

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SPORTS

Second half surge falls short

Bulldogs caged by Purple Cats 13-10

From Staff Reports

The Kinston Bulldogs spotted the Ariton Purple Cats an early 13-0 advantage but saw a determined second half rally fall just short as the Bulldogs dropped their season opener to the "Cats 13-10, in Kinston.

Ariton used a ball control attack to dominate the opening half of play, as the Purple Cats took turns using Ronnie Boswell and Justin Senn as battering rams to test the Bulldog defense. Senn scored on runs of 11 yards and 1 yard to take a 13-0 lead with 10:47 remaining in the first half, and appeared to be in control as the Purple Cats carried the 13-0 advantage into the dressing room at halftime.

The Kinston offense was determined to get on the scoreboard in the second half, and it appeared that Kinston had pulled out the exciting win when Bishop

Edwards hooked up with Tim Whigham on a 47-yard scoring pass. Brad Boykin booted the extra-point, and with 4:37 left in the third quarter Kinston was very much alive, trailing only 13-7.

Kinston got a break late in the quarter when Kyle Waters recovered a Purple Cat fumble, but the Bulldogs failed to cash in on the scoring chance and still trailed 13-7 heading into the final stanza.

The Bulldogs closed to within 13-10 with 9:38 remaining in the game on a field-goal by Brad Boykin, and then got another big break late in the game when the Bulldogs broke through to block an Ariton punt.

The Bulldogs' Bo Driggers recovered the blocked punt at the Purple Cat 35-yardline with 1:31 remaining in the game, and it appeared that Kinston had pulled out the exciting win when Bishop

Edwards broke loose and scampered 25-yards into the endzone with only :33 remaining. The touchdown run was nullified by a clipping penalty; however, and a 45-yard field-goal try by Boykin with :11 left fell short, as the Bulldogs suffered the heart-breaking 13-10 loss to Ariton.

Bishop Edwards gained 77 yards on 11 carries to lead Kinston, while Ricky Morris added 64 yards on 16 carries and Bo Driggers gained 50 yards on 8 totes. Edwards also hit on 4 of 11 passes for 119 yards and 1 touchdown, with Tim Whigham pulling in 2 passes for 55 yards and a touchdown.

The Bulldog defense was sparked by Donnie Sansom with 12 tackles and 3 assists, while Ricky Morris had 10 tackles, 2 assists and 1 caused fumble, and Daniel Davis had 3 tackles, 4 assists and caused one fumble.

Ronnie Boswell led the Ariton offense with 140 yards rushing on 10 carries, while Justin Senn added 75 yards on 21 carries and scored both Purple Cat touchdowns. Brett Laney led the Ariton defense with 9 tackles and 1 assist.

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Ariton 13 Kinston 10
Northview 27 Bulldogs in County 9
Carroll 27 Charles Henderson 6
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Kinston's Ricky Morris (35) drags down an Ariton running back for a short gain in last week's 13-10 loss to the Purple Cats. The Bulldog defense tossed a shutout in the second half to help Kinston rally from a 13-0 halftime deficit. The Bulldogs will travel to Wicksburg Friday night to battle the Wicksburg Panthers.

Area teams put on traveling shoes for week #2 action

The high school football season will enter week #2 Friday night and for the teams in the area it will be time to get on the bus as all four teams hit the road for what appear to be tough road tests.

Here is a preview of this week's games:

ZION CHAPEL AT ISABELLA

The (0-1) Zion Chapel Rebels will be hunting for their first win of the young season Friday night when they battle the (0-1) Isabella Mustangs. The Rebels dropped their season opener to Thorsby 49-25, and the Isabella lack of depth was evident as Thorsby used its speed and depth to pull away from the weary Rebels. Zion Chapel did show signs of being a passing team as the combo of Marcus Taylor and Wesley Grant put the ball in the air 31 times and connected 19 times for 236 yards and 3 touchdowns. If the Rebels can find a way to travel by ground, as well as they do in the air, the offense could light up the scoreboard! Isabella continued its road back to respectability in high school football by battling Marbury until the final horn before falling 38-22. The inability to stop the Marbury offense proved to be the Mustangs' downfall, but the Mustangs did run up and down the field and put three TD's on the board. Look for a wide one here, with the team that scores the most points in the fourth quarter taking home the win.

NEW BROCKTON AT G.W. LONG

The (0-1) New Brockton Gamecocks will be looking to prevent opening the season 0-2 for the second straight year Friday night when they head over to Skipperville to battle the (1-0) G.W. Long Rebels. The Gamecocks lost last week 26-16 to Luverne after falling behind 26-0, and late in the game appeared to settle down and begin to play like the Gamecocks everyone was expecting. New Brockton is short on experience this season and needs everyone healthy to be at its best, and maybe this week the Game-

KINSTON AT WICKSBURG

The (0-1) Kinston Bulldogs will take their show on the road Friday night when they invade Wicksburg to tangle with the (1-0) Wicksburg Panthers. The Bulldogs lost their opener to Ariton when a late score was nullified by a penalty, but played well on both sides of the football in the second half and showed their fans that this would indeed be a better year for the "Dawgs. Quarterback Bishop Edwards ran for 77 yards and passed for 119 yards in the loss, while Ricky Morris and Bo Driggers also rolled up good yardage on the ground. The Kinston defense, led by Donnie Sansom, Morris and Daniel Davis, blanked the Purple Cats in the second half, and proved the defense could stop opponents after last year's defensive disaster. Wicksburg picked up a 20-7 opening week win over Houston County, and showed little signs of losing its coach only weeks before the beginning of the season. The Panthers combined a steady offense with an aggressive defense in the opening win, and appeared just as good as in recent years, when the team was piled up for the Panthers. Kinston will be a big underdog, but that is a role that this year's team will take as a challenge and not a handicap.

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New Brockton High School begins new JAG program

New Brockton High School has implemented a new program to assist graduates in their preparation for joining the work force, obtaining a higher education or joining the military.

The program is called JAG - Jobs for Alabama's Graduates, and New Brockton joins 40 other schools in the state that have or are introducing the new program designed to introduce graduates to the "new world."

According to Wanda Corley, job specialist and "overseer of the new program," the program's strategy is to identify high school students through a criteria selection process who need help in the transition from school to work or post-secondary education following high school graduation.

JAG is designed to develop an increased self-worth in the student and to help them acquire life-survival skills, as well as, provide stimulation for success through involvement in the Career Association.

The program will assist students in job placement upon graduation and provide 12-months of intensive



PICTURED ABOVE are some of the participants in the JAG program at New Brockton High School. They are (l-r) seated - Cassie King, Brian Medley, Jessica Cornell, Jacob Quincey, and Jaed Hussey; standing - Justin Driewery, Ms. Corley, and Anthony Johnson.

follow-up after placement to insure job retention and successful transition into the community.

According to the Alabama Department of Education, 91 percent of seniors graduated with a

diploma or GED during the 18 month period of the program. The 1999-2000 school year marks the beginning of the third year of implementation of the JAG program.

JAG participants will be learning and experiencing first hand information from many local business people about various opportunities in the community. They will take field trips to various businesses and manufacturing facilities to learn more about team work in progress.

They will also have the opportunity to go on Job Shadows - an actual on-job experience - to places that interest them as a possible career choice.

In order to be a part of the program, the junior or senior has to be recommended by a teacher, guidance counselor, or principal as someone who made need that "extra push" in the right direction. The student is then interviewed by the school's advisory committee before he or she become a part of the program.

Another of Ms. Corley's responsibilities is to sell the program to the business community and to enlist their cooperation and support in successfully implementing the JAG program.

"We want the business community to know we are here to work with them," she said. "In telling us about their needs in the 21st century and

participating in interview and public speaking activities of JAG they will be helping us and we them."

She plans to utilize the local chambers of commerce in introducing and soliciting support for the program from the local businesses.

Ms. Corley's main goal is to get the new program up and running. She hopes those students involved in the new program will generate excitement among younger students causing them to want to become a part JAG.

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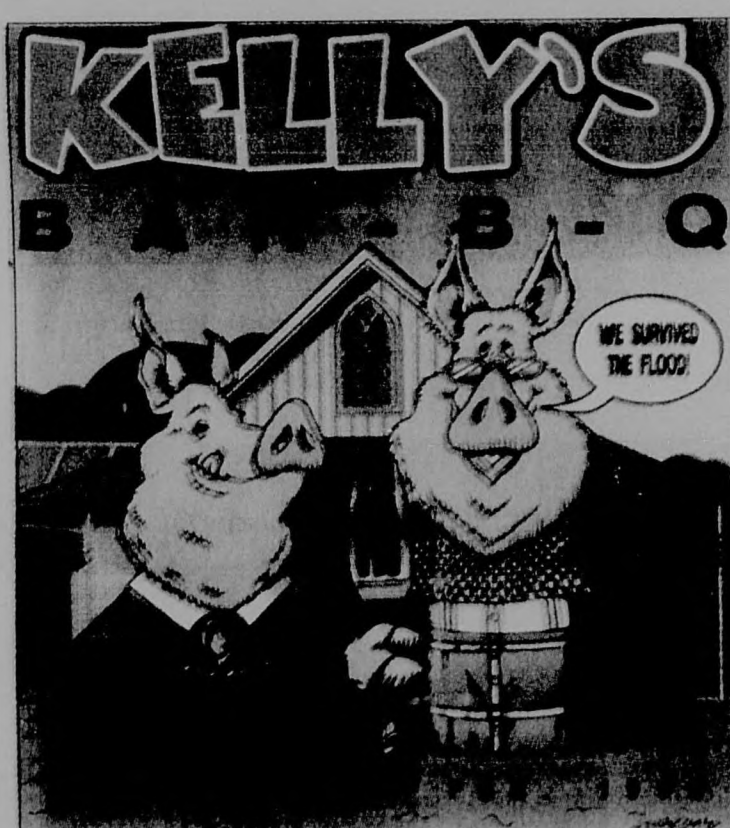
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Governor stumps Wiregrass for support of education lottery

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Alabama Governor Don Siegelman paid a visit to Elba and three other South Alabama communities Saturday afternoon promoting his pro-lottery campaign, set for a statewide referendum on October 12th. He called it the most important election in Alabama's history. The governor made stops in Enterprise, Dothan and Ozark after a brief address in Elba.

"I came here to enlist soldiers. This is the most important battle in my life. And this is the most important thing in yours for your children and for this state's future," the governor told a group of about 50 people collected in the main courtroom of the Coffee County courthouse in Elba. The group had moved inside due to a much needed afternoon shower which had just passed through. While introducing the governor, Coffee County Democratic Party Chairman Jackson W. Stokes noted the brief shower and suggesting the governor might have brought it, asked if he could come back the next day with another one. "Alabamians are spending hundreds of millions of dollars on lot-

tery tickets right now. We're sending Georgia kids to college for free, while our kids go without," Siegelman said. At this point one man in the audience waved his Florida lottery tickets. As the governor was leaving, an elected official in Coffee County also flipped open his wallet and quietly disclosed his active support of the Florida lottery and expressed a desire to keep this money within Alabama.

Governor Siegelman predicted that an Alabama lottery would raise \$150 million a year for college scholarships, prekindergarten classes for four year olds and school computers. "It's written into the constitutional amendment that the money is earmarked for education," he said. "That's different from any other state." He explained that the constitutional amendment sets the priorities in that order - first the college scholarships, then prekindergarten, followed by more classroom computers for all students in K-12.

The governor said the scholarships, the prekindergarten, nor the classroom computers were for the poor, the rich nor the middle class, but for all Alabama children.

"I'm asking you between now

and October 12th to talk to your friends and neighbors, talk with the people you work with, call in on news radio talk shows and write a letter to your favorite editor," Siegelman said.

The governor described the shock of many people around the world when firms like Mercedes selected Alabama for a new plant, but predicted there is more to come. "On October 12, when companies see we are putting our money where our mouth is, they will head to Alabama. We will stop the brain-drain. That means when our kids go to school here, they can find their loved ones here, settle down and find good-paying jobs here, he said."

"I know there are people with different views on the lottery, for religious or other reasons and I want to say from the onset, I respect anyone's deeply held views on this issue. Certainly I wouldn't try to change or sway your convictions. That would be wrong of me. I also hope you respect my feeling on this issue," the governor said.

There was no open opposition to the plan at the Elba stop, but some was reported in Dothan.



GOVERNOR VISITS Governor Don Siegelman, right, is shown being welcomed to Elba Saturday afternoon and Coffee County by Sheriff Ben Moates, left and Elba City Council member John W. Sharpless.

Audit reveals discrepancies in probate office

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

An extensive audit in the Coffee County Probate Office-Enterprise Division revealed accounting discrepancies involving more than \$14,000.

The period of time covered by the audit is from October 1, 1995 until September 30, 1997. According to Probate Judge William O. Gammill, this is the only audit of his office, other than the exit audit as required by law when he took office in 1994.

State auditors, in their report, pointed out discrepancies involving insufficient fund checks by employees, IOU's from employees in deposits, voided motor vehicle registrations, and shortages in bank accounts held by the probate office.

Judge Gammill noted he had brought the problem of employee IOU's and insufficient fund checks to the attention of the auditors and had stopped those practices some time ago. Three employees who were employed in the probate office during the time covered by the audit, and who were named in the report are no longer with the office.

Former office manager Debbie Center was charged in the report with shortages in the daily

deposits totaling \$1,782.72. Also, former employees Jane Henderson and Rolanda Jones were charged for registration voids during the period of time covered by the audit. Judge Gammill was charged jointly with the shortages because ultimately he is responsible for all of the funds handled by his office.

The two former employees said they repaid the funds in question in an effort to maintain their good name, even though they denied any wrongdoing. They noted that each employee's computer code was common knowledge and could be accessed and used by every other employee.

The report also addressed checks by employees totaling approximately \$9,000 which were returned due to insufficient funds. Named were: Ms. Henderson with \$6,758, Mrs. Center with \$2,117, and Ms. Susan Carmichael with \$126. Ms. Carmichael, who is still employed by the probate office, repaid the amount charged to her during the audit period. The other funds have since been repaid.

It was noted in the audit report that none of the \$20-per-check service charges on the worthless checks from the employees were collected. Also, none of the employee "bad" checks were included on the returned check

register kept by the office.

Judge Gammill, who had been aware of the problems for more than two years, has implemented several checks and balances in both the Enterprise and Elba offices to hopefully prevent these type occurrences in the future.

"The general public is not aware of the tremendous amount of money that flows through this office and is disbursed to other governmental agencies both state and local," said Judge Gammill. "We are constantly working to put safeguards in place to account for the funds on a daily basis."

The probate judge who is held accountable for all the funds that pass through his office. If the books do not balance, he has to ante up.

"We hope to have another audit in the very near future covering the period of time from 1997 until the present," said Gammill. "This will help us to know if accounting procedures, and checks and balances that have been implemented are working."

As to whether or not any criminal charges would come as a result of the audit, Judge Gammill would not speculate. He said this would be left to the District Attorney's Office.

Two arrested on capital murder charges

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

A joint news conference was held on Wednesday afternoon of last week by the 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office and the Enterprise Police Department to announce two arrests involving capital murder charges.

Chief T. D. Jones, with the Enterprise Police Department, reading from a prepared statement, announced the arrest of Marcus Carlice King, 30, alias Metro, for the murders of Henry Dewayne Moore and John Henry Holloway.

Both Moore and Holloway were shot to death on the evening of April 25, 1998. Chief Jones stated that Moore was in his residence located at 3421 Three Notch Road in Enterprise while Holloway was found across the road from the residence.

Enterprise police were called to the scene by a neighbor of Moore's shortly before 10 p.m., telling the dispatcher that a man was at her door and that he had been shot.

Investigator Rick Hauser, the lead investigator on the case, explained that Holloway was the man at the neighbor's door, and all he could tell police officers first on the scene was that he had been shot by a black man. He directed police to Moore who was still in the house. He was dead at the scene. Holloway later died at Medical Center Enterprise.

Hauser, not Jones or Devane, would comment on the facts of the case since it was still an "on-going investigation."

However, they did say that King had been a suspect since early into the investigation.

Chief Jones commended Investigator Hauser and Investigator Buddy Ammons for their work on the case. He also complimented the local news media for their assistance in the investigation.

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Area Happenings

AREA FOOTBALL GAMES. Area high school football games scheduled for Friday night are as follows: Elba High School is on the road against Opp; Zion Chapel is at home against G. W. Long; New Brockton travels to Arion; Kinston plays host to Red Level; and Brantley is at home against Goshen. All games kick-off at 7:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT DAY. The Elba Chamber of Commerce is hosting Community Spirit Day on the square in downtown Elba on September 18 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. For more information call Kaye Whitworth at 897-3125.

COMMISSION MEETING. The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, September 13, 1999, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.

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